NIA District 10 GSR Meeting Meeting Minutes

St. Gilbert's Church, Grayslake DATE: April 28, 2024

NEW: ZOOM Meeting ID 889-0354-7036 Passcode: DISTRICT10

CALL MEETING TO ORDER. A quiet time followed by Serenity Prayer. 6:04 **NUMBER OF ATTENDEES** – 37 in house, 1 on ZOOM

ANNIVERSARIES SINCE LAST MEETING? Joanne L 24yrs, **ANY BIRTHDAYS?** Jeff C, Bill J (15th sober b-day), Randy H, Camilla H.

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES: To this District Meeting. Kelly B Women Working Together. Pam GSR Friday 10am SH. Camilla H standing for PI.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Dawn Rene W) **Minutes from previous meeting.** (*directly from report*)

When I started the Secretary position just before the Holidays, I was all consumed with getting familiar with how things work at the district level, getting re-familiarized with the IT aspect of this position, filing, and retrieving files, downloading spreadsheets for the contact lists, sending communications on behalf of our local AA District.... What escaped my attention was the budget, since this was being prepared when I was brand new at this job. Now that I have been dedicated for a few months, it has come to my attention that I am already over budget. I have been submitting approximately \$30 per month for the cost of printing materials for the monthly GSR meetings. And since I have had great difficulty deciphering audio recordings from Zoom, it was recommended to me from the AA Secretary handbook, and multiple fellows in our organization that I get a recording device. I purchased the only one I could find at the time, which was \$89. It looks like there is only \$100 proposed for the entire year. So, I will be working with the more experienced veteran members of this fellowship to see how we can get this ironed out for the future.

I am very blessed to be sober, and useful for our organization.

And again, if you did not receive an email from me this month, please make note of it on the sign in sheets. Kevin & Felicia accepted March Minutes

TREASURY REPORT (Erik W.) (r<u>eport attached</u>) Sean and Jeff accepted

Discussion was had regarding PayPal fees, and how the fees are recorded on the Treasurer's reports. Suggestions were made to possibly implement other electronic payment options.

DCM's REPORT (Lorrie F.)

<u>Reminder</u>: <u>ALL COMMITTEES</u>: Our Area Representatives will come and address our District meetings or help host a Workshop anytime we call on them. This is a resource we should tap into more regularly. I'm Thankful for Area 20 Committee Chair Dave giving his time and service to help keep us updated on Answering Service.

I will be asking the Delegate to report to us in July on what occurred at the General Service Conference in New York.

I Participated in the Tri-County Conference. It was well attended - great fellowship etc. John C will report on that after their wrap up meeting is done. I Participated in the Annual Sereni-tea. I Attended the Spring Breakfast.

Our next GSR workshop will be June 15th, Noon to 3:30pm, hosted by District 12. The subjects to be covered will be; BTG, Treatment and Corrections. The new District 12's meeting location: St. James Church 1380 N. Waukegan Rd. Lake Forest, IL. 60045 Another GSR Orientation has been set up for September at Serenity House. Karl M. will report on that.

Reminder: LaVina is in financial trouble. They need 1500 more subscriptions to make it viable. Your group could purchase a subscription and send it directly to the jail, local Spanish speaking church, or your library. Please ask your group to subscribe and donate.

Our District, District 10 will be hosting the Summer Committee Meeting in August in Elburn. We will need volunteers. We can meet on zoom to briefly discuss assignments. Please ask your group if they wish to help. Great 12 step work. We need people to:

• Help set up room, be greeters, Get the breakfast items and set up, clean up, The Area provides a lot of the necessities: the ice chests, ice, soda, etc. We will be reimbursed for any expenses.

<u>"The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."</u>
Albert Schweitzer

ALT. DCM'S REPORT (John C.)

Not in attendance (directly from report)

I will not be able to attend the April and May GSR Meetings. I have nothing to report currently. I will follow up with the report on the Tri-County Conference that was held in March when the committee is done with the wrap up meeting in May.

OPEN FORUM -

- Dawn S last Friday May, A Way Out speaker meeting, Dawn B is scheduled to speak.
- Kevin A, Spiritual Kindergarten, anniversaries are celebrated last Tuesday of every month, guest speakers and cake!
- Dave T Area20 Answering Service Chair shared; Answering Service guidelines, Archives of original phones that Bill W used in the Mayflower Hotel, explains links that QR codes provide, he is on the lookout for needs in the area, and offering help for our local services. Discussion regarding questions.
- Kevin A shares the idea for making and circulating cards to newly recovering, and offers invitation for anybody to bring up their ideas for how to reach the still suffering alcoholic.
- Area 20 Spring Committee meeting is coming up May 18, at Lord of Life Church. All GSRs are welcome.

OLD BUSINESS – Open Committee and Alternate positions for District 10

NEW BUSINESS – Bill J standing for Alt GSR Contact for District10. Camilla H standing for Pl. Both are approved.

Commitee Reports

Accessibilities (OPEN)

Alt. (OPEN)

(no report)

Answering Service (Felicia J.)

Alt. (James M.)

(directly from report)

Answering Service would like to thank David T from the Area Answering Service for coming out to speak to us. He has been given a small packet of info about our service. Two people who volunteered to be on the District Answering Service have not been placed and have not responded to an email that was sent to them regarding their "restrictions." I (Felicia) just sent a follow up text April 26.

Archives (Sean M.)

Alt. (Dean D.)

(directly from report)

I would like to thank Lori and John for their personal leadership in organizing and encouraging Lake county's continued participation in the Tri-County conference. Preserving and protecting our history and traditions is the mission for archives, and I am sincerely grateful to all those that came to the event and participated in preserving this event for years to come! For this year's event, I participated on the committee helping where I could and setting up archives display for all to enjoy & learn about our rich history.

Bridging The Gap (Jeff S.)

Alt. (OPEN)

(no report)

Corrections (Ted S.)

Alt. (Chandler W.)

(directly from report)

Meetings continue at the Lake County Jail 7pm Mondays and Thurs eves.

The shortage of volunteers continues. See the district webpage, click link to corrections. Used Grapevine issues continue to be a useful tool to help carry the message of recovery. Collect them and bring them to the district GSR meeting.

C.P.C. (OPEN)

Alt. (OPEN)

(no report)

Directory (Brian B.)

Alt. (OPEN)

(<u>directly from report</u>)

Printing is going well. 700 copies were made. Price increase.

Events (Cindy C.)

Alt. (Deidre Hogan)

(directly from report)

The District 12 Spring Breakfast was Sunday, April 21st and it was successful! Thanks to all the District 10 friends who sold an amazing number of tickets! They had a total of 186 people. We have a speaker for our District 10 Picnic! I'm happy to have Karen F.be our speaker. The picnic is set for Saturday, August 17th from 11am to 3pm. I'll create a "Save the Date" flyer to get passed on via email and have some at the April mtg. Things will start to get in the works for the District 10 Fall Breakfast, such as Save the Date flyers, requests for gift baskets, and securing a speaker and the tickets. We'll go with the \$25 ticket price. Nothing else to report at this time.

Grapevine (Elizabeth W)

Alt. (OPEN)

(no report)

GSR Contact (Karl M.)

Alt. (Bill J)

(directly from report)

Hello fellow AA'ers! It's likely I'll be missing the monthly meeting this Sunday. However, I do have news:

The District 10 GSR Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at Serenity House in Libertyville from 11:30 until 12:30. Lorrie – I'm in touch with Aaron and I intend on updating the Powerpoint that Dawn B used at the last session.

Literature (Jeff C.)

Alt. (Daniel B.)

A few Newcomer packets for \$1 are still available. The price will increase soon.

Newsletter (Katie D.)

Alt. (Paul W.)

(directly from report)

Printed an additional 30 copies of the April newsletter by request.

Printed 450 copies of the May newsletter. Please utilize the log on the back table for meetings/club houses. Newsletters are paper clipped in batches of 10. You are not limited to one batch – just please log the total taken. If you are taking 1 or 2 for personal use, there is a SEPARATE stack that is not paper clipped; please take from that stack. *Serenity House already has 90 copies of the newsletter.*

We have a new printing company thanks to the recommendation of our DCM, Lorrie F.: Impression County in Antioch. New pricing: \$158.06 for 450 COLOR copies. This is roughly \$20.00 less than the original cost with Shipping Point, and a savings of \$220.00 if we were to go with their new pricing!

This is your newsletter – please submit any events, meeting spotlights, etc. that you would like to see included. Deadline for next month is 5/17.

Public Info. (Camill H)

Alt. (OPEN)

(no report)

Treatment (Gina L.)

Alt. (Leslie D.)

(directly from report)

AA District 10 Treatment Coordinators Report: Feb & March 2024

Treatment Center Meetings:

- WRS (Women) Thursday @ 7:30pm
- ATP (Co-ed) Monday 7:30pm Friday 7:30pm Saturday 10am
- Gateway Friday &pm-8:30pm
- Bridge house will remain sending their clients to ATP. In-house meetings will be discussed after the summer per request of the facility.

Services Provided:

- Meeting volunteers
- Conscious contact & meeting directories
- Sponsors/AA contacts
- Big books
- Grapevine donations

Treatment Center Placement Request:

• 1 inquiry for assistance with treatment services.

Options provided. We have followed up with no response.

Upcoming Summer Agenda:

- Women's beach meeting- WRS to potentially attend
- 2024 treatment budget- TBD

Grapevine "La Vinia" subscription support

AA District 10 Treatment Coordinators Report: April 2024

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- Gateway Friday &pm-8:30pm
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Services Provided:

- Meeting volunteers
- Conscious contact & meeting directories
- Sponsors/AA contacts
- Big books- depleted district supply
- Yearly La Vinia subscriptions donated by 2 local AA groups to WRS & Gateway.

Treatment Center Placement Request:

• 2 inquiries for assistance with treatment services.

Options provided. Challenges placing within Lake County due to a desire to remain on methadone. Male prospect was placed in Chicago location. Female prospect has since refused placement, non-compliance to methadone clinic caused barrier to placement with said desires. Offer still stands and we are available when needed.

Upcoming Summer Agenda:

- Women's beach meeting & district picnics; extend invites to WRS/Haven/Bridge house.
- 2024 treatment budget- TBD

Meeting Support Needed:

WRS Thursday @ 7:30pm needs female volunteers ATP Friday @ 7:30pm needs Coed volunteers ATP Saturday @ 10am Mens & Womens

Website (Mark H.)

Alt. (Bob L.) (directly from report)

The online contribution link was repaired a few days after the last meeting. Normal daily monitoring and maintenance of the site. Seventh tradition, Remember November and other contributions to District 10 NIA can now be made on the homepage of www.district10nia.org.

Metrics are. Sessions- 1449, Pageviews-2808, Average session duration, 43 seconds, new users, 749.

Motion to Adjourn. Close Meeting. 7:05

"I am responsible...When anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there, and for that, I am responsible."

NEXT DISTRICT 10 MEETING- 4th Sunday of the next month:
Sunday, May 26,2024
St. Gilbert's Church, Grayslake, IL
Traditions Meeting: 5:30pm, District Meeting: 6:00pm